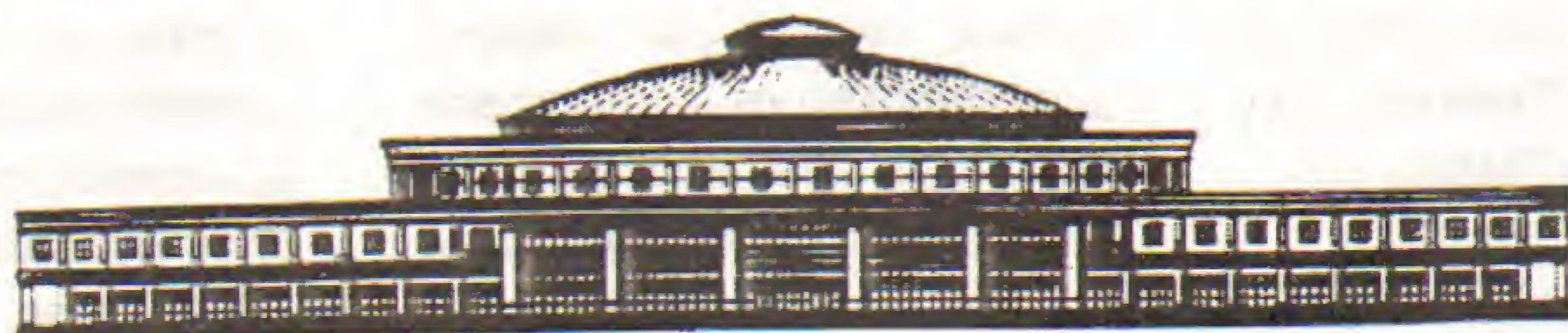


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SHELTON PRESIDENT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

President Thomas E. Umphrey continues to be recognized for his efforts on behalf of Shelton State Community College. Recently, he was named the 1997 recipient of the Eileen Tosney Award, a national award given each year by the American Association of University Administrators for recognition of outstanding leadership among college administrators. Umphrey received the award at the national meeting of the AAUA held in Denver, Colorado.

Through his efforts, the college will complete the move to its new campus in September, and Shelton's three-year building project, the largest in the state, will be 95% completed in 1997. Over the past few years, Shelton initiated a total quality management plan that received national recognition and was named in 1996 as one of the 11 most successful community college TQM projects in the nation.

Under Umphrey's leadership, Shelton completed a successful merger with C.A. Fredd State Technical College in 1994. Umphrey also led the college through its re-accreditation process by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Last fall Umphrey was named to the national board of

directors of the AAUA, and in March 1996, he was recognized with the national Pacesetter Award by the National Council of Marketing and Communications for his support of the college's marketing efforts.

In 1995 Umphrey received the Distinguished Leadership Award for Two-Year Colleges in the state by the Association of Alabama College Administrators and the Alabama Association for Women in Education. Umphrey also received a resolution from the Alabama legislature that year commending him as the outstanding two-year college president in the state.

Umphrey holds a B.S. degree from the University of Alabama, an M.A. degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and an Ed.D. in

administration of higher education from the University of Alabama. Umphrey was named president of Shelton State Community College in 1988.

WE'RE MOVING ON! Moving Schedule for July

15 - 31

July 28-29: Theatre Tuscaloosa/Stage Center will move.

July 30-31: The college bookstore will move. The bookstore will open August 11 on the new campus.

July 28-31: Faculty and administrative personnel will pack their offices.

GRANT PROPOSALS S O U G H T B Y T U S C A L O O S A C O N S O R T I U M F O R H I G H E R E D U C A T I O N

The Tuscaloosa Consortium for Higher Education is seeking proposals from faculty, staff, and students at The University of Alabama, Stillman College, and Shelton State Community college for projects to be funded through its small grants program.

The consortium is a partnership formed recently by UA, Stillman, and

Shelton to help the three schools work more closely to achieve their goals. The jointly funded grant program was created to support collaborative projects among the schools that promise to contribute to the economic, cultural, and educational growth of the region and state.

Grants are awarded three times a year for projects undertaken by representatives of the three schools. Proposals should be submitted to Dr. James P. "Ike" Adams, University of Alabama, Office of the President, Box 870100, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0100 or by Email to jadams@sw.ua.edu.

The consortium was announced in January and awarded its first grants in April. The first grants went to support three projects, including a series of events promoting discussion about affirmative action in the Tuscaloosa community, student involvement in the 1997 Public Policy Institute, and the development of a collaborative relationship between UA's Program for Rural Services and Research and Stillman's department of mass communication in community newspaper projects.

Grant proposals must include participants from at least two of the participating institutions. Eligible projects may include curriculum development, research, public service, and educational or cultural activities. Priority will be given to projects that will have a positive impact on the Tuscaloosa community and/or promote cooperation between consortium members.

Grants of seed money to be used to seek additional funding are strongly encouraged as are proposals seeking partial support for projects that will also receive funds from other sources. The maximum grant awarded is \$1,000. However, grant proposals for smaller amounts are encouraged.

For additional information, contact Adams, 348-5100.

DIET AND EXERCISE OF QUALITY

By Johnny Parker

As many of you know, I have been eating healthy and getting regular exercise lately. It's amazing how easy it is to get results when you do the right things. To date, I have lost 55 pounds in 14 weeks. Everyone asks me if it was hard to lose the weight. Actually, it has been very easy. The

hard part had nothing to do with nutrition or exercise. The hard part was making the commitment to do those things that I knew were in my best interest. Without the commitment, I would not have achieved the desired results.

Commitment is everything. Once you make it and have it, everything else becomes easy.

In many ways, organizations are no different from people. Organizational health is achieved and maintained when we "do" the things we know are best for us. "Knowing" what to do is not enough. We all know that good nutrition and regular exercise are good for our physical well being. So, why is it so difficult for us to lose those extra pounds? Similarly, we know the principles and practices of quality are good for our organizational health. We know as an organization the value and potential benefits of quality, yet we feel frustration when we sometimes struggle to achieve tangible results.

What makes the difference? What does it take to achieve the desired results? As with personal health, "commitment" is the key to organizational health.

"Knowing" about the principles and practices of quality is a start. But results will only be achieved when we truly commit ourselves to "doing" the things that a diet and exercise of quality represents.

ARROW TRUCKING COMPANY AND SHELTON PARTNER-UP

Beginning this summer, Arrow Trucking Company will offer a 100% tuition reimbursement program with Shelton's truck driver training program. Some of the criteria used in the selection process include the location of the school with respect to Arrow's terminal locations, the quality of the training, the retention of the graduates hired in 1996, and these graduates safety records.

In order for students to receive reimbursement for their tuition, they must:

- *Choose Arrow Trucking Company as their first employer.
- *Choose Arrow in order to become eligible for the \$300 sign-on bonus.
- *Continue employment with ATC and maintain active status as a first-seat driver.
- *Take \$100 per month maximum.

The tuition reimbursement

begins the first of the month following completion of training and assignment of equipment.

The tuition is paid directly to the lending institution at the end of the month.

If students have paid their own tuition, the reimbursement will be made directly to the drivers with proper documentation (a receipt signed by the school director and/or a copy of the canceled check used to pay tuition).

This new project is a result of work done by Shirley Johnson.

TCVB ANNOUNCES NEW MOTEL RESERVATION SERVICE

The Tuscaloosa Convention and Visitors Bureau (TCVB) has announced a motel reservations service for the Tuscaloosa/Northport area.

Visitor Services of St. Petersburg, Florida, will provide the overall reservation service in the community. This toll free service will greatly assist the travelling public in securing lodging arrangements.

Reservations are accessible by dialing the TCVB locally at 391-9200 and 1-800-538-8696 out of state.

Local motels currently participating in the service

are Best Western Park Plaza Inn, Sleep Inn, Fairfield Inn, Executive Inn, Four Points by Sheraton, Courtyard by Marriott, LaQuinta Inn, Knights Inn, and Key West Inn.

T H E A T R E TUSCALOOSA SAILS AGAIN

Theatre Tuscaloosa will open its 1997-98 season with the hit musical *Anything Goes* with music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Last produced by Theatre Tuscaloosa in 1989, this summer's production will use the revised script and score developed by Lincoln Centre Theatre. *Anything Goes* is a laugh-filled saga of a trans-Atlantic crossing made by British aristocracy, showgirls, gangsters, and Reno Sweeny, a singing and tap-dancing revivalist. Performance dates are July 25-27 and July 31-Aug. 3 at the Bama Theatre downtown.

The production is directed by Paul Looney with choreography by Susan Looney. William Henderson is the musical director, and scenic and lighting design is by Andy Fitch. Costumes are by Leni Dyer, and the stage manager is Steve Barker.

Heading the cast is Tee

Quillin, and Barbara Gerardo plays his love interest Hope Carcourt. Ava Buchanan is Reno Sweeney, Barry Austin is Moonface Martin, Lauren Carr is Erma, Frank Morris is Elisha Whitney, and Courtney Oliver, Cindy Jones, Jen Cain and Chelsea Williams are Reno's "Angels."

Ticket prices are \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and \$6 students and children. Special group rates are available for all performances for parties of 15 or more. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Theatre Tuscaloosa Box Office, 345-3912, or stop by the box office beginning at noon on July 16.

HELP WANTED: A FEW GOOD PEOPLE SHELTON OPENS NEW PROGRAM TO TRAIN NEEDED AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIANS

It can be a very lucrative career field. Automotive technology today is highly technical and requires very special skills.

Gone are the days when almost anyone could repair a car. Today's new cars have more computer power than Apollo 13. To meet a growing need, industry is asking for a new type of automotive technician who

is technically skilled and can read, write, and apply critical thinking.

Newly trained automotive technicians are in demand across the United States, and the West Alabama area is no exception. Through a partnership between Shelton and the Automobile Dealers Association of Tuscaloosa, a program in automotive technology will begin this fall at the college.

According to Jerry Handley, the new instructor, the college wants people in the program who want to be automotive technicians and are willing to work. "There are a lot of women in the field, and there will be even more. It can be an especially lucrative field for a women, because women are more apt to carry cars to dealers and often prefer talking to other women," Handley said.

The automobile dealers will be active partners in the program. The association is funding some scholarships this year for students who enter the program and will work closely with the students as they progress through the program.

The new program will begin Fall Semester and will be offered on the Freddie Campus.